I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Law

Reasons for the omission of certain appendices from the Special Officer's Report on Agricultural Indebtedness.

* 321 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the reasons for omitting certain appendices from the published report of the Special Officer on Agricultural Indebtedness?

A.—When the report was printed the appendices had not been received. The Government have since received the appendices and have decided, on an examination of them, that it is not essential to print them. Further the expenditure involved will be very heavy.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the Government are prepared to place, at least now, the appendices on the table of the House, so that the House may be benefited by them?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"I have no objection to show them to the hon. Member."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"I am also concerned about other Members of the House."

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Any hon. Member who wants to see them will be at liberty to look into them."

Electricity

Consumption of electricity in the municipal areas of Erode and Salem respectively.

* 322 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the quantity of electric current consumed in each of the municipal areas of Erode and Salem in each month since January 1935 is; and

(*b*) what the quantity consumed is in the corresponding months of 1934, 1933 and 1932?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] giving the information required is attached.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the statement given in the appendix is with regard to the total number of consumers, or the number of units consumed?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"The hon. Member will find the information from the wording used in the horizontal headings, i.e., total consumers, etc."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 322 infra.

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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the heading 'number of consumers' is a mistake for the number of units that has been consumed?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"It is consumers; I do not think it is a mistake."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Tiruchengodu, Salem district.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Tiruchengodu in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf, and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the work is likely to be undertaken;

(*d*) what the estimated cost is; and

(*e*) when the actual supply of current will be made to that town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"The answer was sent on 10th August 1935. May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Member can furnish further information on the matter if any since received?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"The hon. Member can ask for it."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the licensees in that area have told the local panchayat that it is not likely that they would undertake the scheme because it will not adequately pay them?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"We have no information."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Sankari, Salem district.

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Sankari in Salem district is;